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THE WEATHER:

Cloudy and colder Saturday, possibly rain in east; Sunday, generally fair.

Hourly Temperatures table with columns for time and temperature.

TRAFT CHALLENGED TO DEBATE BY SHAW

New York, March 14.—William H. Taft has been challenged by Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the treasury, to debate the proposed constitution of the league of nations in any city of the east or west, it was announced here tonight by Henry A. Wisewood, who said he had been authorized by Mr. Shaw to issue the challenge.

MICHAELIS DEPRIVED OF OFFICIAL POSITION

Berlin, March 14.—Dr. George Michaelis, the former imperial chancellor, is the latest German statesman to join the ranks of the officially unemployed. The Prussian ministry of the interior has requested his resignation from the post of over-president of the province of Pomerania, to which he was appointed after his retirement from the chancellorship.

PACKERS FAVOR PLACING LIMIT TO PRICE OF HOGS

Chicago, March 14.—It was reported today that the consensus of packers and representatives of the food administration in conference here was in favor of fixing a maximum price of not more than \$18, and more probably \$17.50, for hogs. It was said that no official announcement would be made until the question had been submitted to Washington.

DANIELS AND BAKER APPROVE WELFARE WORK

New York, March 14.—Secretaries Baker and Daniels of the War and Navy departments united in a statement made public here tonight by John R. Mott, director general of the United War Work campaign, approving the expenditure of \$205,138.81 in after-the-war welfare work among the fighting men of the American and allied nations. Regarding the budgets, which will finance the activities of the seven organizations represented in the campaign from October 1 last to December 31, 1918, the secretaries declared that reports from overseas confirmed the necessity of "maintaining, and in some of its aspects, augmenting this work."

TEN-YEAR SENTENCE GIVEN DRAFT EVADER

Los Angeles, March 14.—Robert Livingston of Los Angeles, convicted by court-martial for desertion and evading the draft, was sentenced to 10 years in military prison and his sentence has been approved by the proper authorities, according to information here today by Lieut. Roy Meacham, judge advocate of the court-martial.

ANTI-CIGARET BILL PASSES IN UTAH

Salt Lake City, March 14.—The house of the Utah legislature today passed the anti-cigarette bill, 25 to 18, and the measure now goes to the governor. The senate passed the bill several days ago. The bill is very drastic and prohibits manufacture or sale of cigars or possession by dealers of them or the "makings" for sale within the state.

DELUGE DESTROYS FLORIDA TOMATO CROP

Miami, Fla., March 14.—Damage estimated at between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 was caused by heavy rains in Duval and Broward counties today which practically wiped out the entire winter tomato crop. At the Miami weather bureau eight inches of rain had been recorded up to 10:15 p. m.

IRON CROSSES ON SALE CONFISCATED AT TREVES

Treves, March 14.—The police authorities here took a hand today in the business of selling iron crosses which had been brought to Treves by Germans despite an order against their sale.

CONGRESSMEN SEE THRILLING RESCUE

San Diego, Cal., March 14.—Members of the house committee on naval affairs here on an inspection trip were witnesses at close range today of one of the most thrilling rescues in the history of American naval aviation.

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New Credit Given Italy

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EVIDENCE OF BRUTAL MURDER REVEALED

Coroner Declares Mrs. Blazka's Body Worst Mutilated of Any Seen Within His Experience.

Ellsworth, Neb., March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Coroner Wigent of Mullen, who embalmed at Hyannis today the body of Mrs. Joseph Blazka, who from all appearances and evidence was brutally murdered the early part of the week, says the body was the worst mutilated of any within his experience. Two wounds on the breast and one just within the hair border of the forehead clearly indicate the use of a pocket knife that was found near the Blazka home.

Washed Blood From Body.

When neighbors first arrived they found Blazka boiling his wife's blood clothing in a boiler. They also found he had made a good effort at washing the blood from the body. From this it was argued that his plan was to have the body in condition to prove his first claim that she had died from influenza as all brutal evidences of her death would have been concealed.

Thinks His Act Justified.

Blazka's confidence in the justifiableness of any act he performs on his own place was illustrated in his order to his sons to return to the home place and look after the stock as he would be home in a few days. He staunchly believed as his wife belonged to him he had the right to beat her as he will.

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Britain Would Rule League as Planned, Says Senator Fall

Albuquerque, N. M., March 14.—"If the present league of nations plan is adopted, Great Britain will rule the league and I object to America's becoming a subsidiary country to the British Isles," declared United States Senator Fall of New Mexico today in addressing the Chamber of Commerce here.

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Howell and Electric Light Company Reach Compromise On Mooted Omaha Measure

Douglas County Senators, Together With Leaders in Municipal Controversy Come to Terms on Bills by Which City May Acquire Both Gas and Light Plants; Council to Take the Initiative.

From a Staff Correspondent.

Lincoln, March 14.—A battle royal, which has been going on since the starting of the legislative session, was ended today by a peace treaty signed by R. Beecher Howell, manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Omaha, and J. E. Davidson, manager of the Omaha Electric Light company, when the two agreed to pool their strength, for the indefinite postponement of House Roll 450 and endeavor to secure the passage of Senate Files 129 and 131.

The action of the two officials was ratified tonight in a meeting of the senatorial delegation from Douglas county, which agreed to the provisions of the compromise.

House Roll 450 was introduced at the instance of Howell to enable the Metropolitan Water board to build a competing municipal electric lighting plant in Omaha, which forces of the electric light company have been fighting all through the session, with prospects of success in the house.

Senate File 129 is the measure which gives to the Metropolitan Water board the right to fill vacancies in the directorate for the full term instead of until election; enables the mto give employees gratuity insurance, provides for increase in salary of the general manager and gives the water district the right of eminent domain by naming appraisers in condemnation proceedings.

Senate File 131 provides for the Metropolitan Water board taking

Charge That Building Material Sold at Exorbitant Price and Action Taken for Self-Protection.

Twenty Omaha realtors met Friday to form an organization to operate a private lumber and building materials yards. This action is in self-defense, real estate men say, to combat the present prices exacted for building materials, especially lumber.

Scouts New Plan.

Colpetzer scouts the new lumber and building material yard which the realtors contemplate. "This is a free country and I can't prevent them but it is common knowledge the city cannot support a profit those now doing business. Two yards were offered to us for sale inside of the last three months; Monday of this week our company closed a contract with C. G. Carlberg, who owns a trucking yard, at Thirty-fourth and Vinson, for lumber for the erection of 200 houses. We sold him lumber cheaper than he could operate his own lumber yard. This is the best proof we can offer that it is unnecessary for any builder or group of builders to operate their own yard in order to obtain a fair price for their materials."

Local Congress Suggested.

A local "readjustment congress" made up of representatives of all building industries, is the solution offered by Colpetzer. "I agree with the realtors that building materials are too high and for the past month have been advocating a meeting of all dealers, where we could discuss the best way to start Omaha's extensive building program and what would be a fair profit for our material and what would be a fair price for us to charge the home builder," he said.

Anarchist Who Shot Premier Clemenceau Sentenced to Death

Paris, March 14.—Emile Cottin, the anarchist who recently made an attempt upon the life of Premier George Clemenceau, was today sentenced to death by the court-martial which tried him. The verdict was unanimous.

Burned to Death by Mob.

Penascola, Fla., March 14.—Judge Johnson, a negro, was taken from county officers near Castleberry today and burned to death by a mob. Johnson had confessed, the officers said, to attacking a white woman.

TORNADO SWEEPS ACROSS SAUNDERS

One Woman Killed, Several Persons Injured by Twister Near Colon; Babe Carried 500 Feet.

A tornado half a mile wide swept across a portion of Saunders county yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock traveling from southeast to northwest, causing the death of one person and injuries to at least three others. Several farms were denuded of their buildings and a large amount of property destroyed by the twister which laid waste an area of seven miles long. The dead: MRS. ALVIN BOCKWEILER, injured: Alvin Bockweiler, John Schultz.

Forms Near Malmo.

Residents of Colon, near the center of Saunders county, noticed a whirling, balloon-shaped cloud form in the vicinity of Malmo, five miles to the southwest shortly before 5 o'clock. Almost instantly it commenced to move toward Colon, but when a couple of miles away, it veered to the west and passed north of the town, traveling northeast.

Carried Five Hundred Feet.

Alvin Bockweiler was found lying in a cornfield, 300 feet from his house. He was unconscious, cut and bruised, but will recover. In his arms was clasped an infant child, uninjured. Bockweiler regained consciousness later, but was unable to give any details concerning the approach of the tornado.

Farm Building Destroyed.

Practically all the buildings on the farms of John Jurgens, five miles east of Colon, Harry Johns, four miles northeast and John Schultz, were either totally destroyed, or badly wrecked. Further northeast and toward the village of Woodcliffe, outbuildings on a number of farms were wrecked, but no homes were destroyed, or persons injured.

Some Storm in Omaha.

In Omaha the rain was general during the entire afternoon. Late in the day storm conditions developed and for a time there was a stiff wind, but it passed without any damage, other than the blowing in of numerous windows. The Strand theater suffered particularly. Several Farmer street glass store fronts were shattered by the fierce wind.

Youthful Bandits Stage Two Holdups in Rapid Succession

Two youths, one armed with a nickel-plated, pearl-handled revolver, staged two holdups in rapid succession last night. Chester Bevins, 1704 South Twenty-fifth street, was stopped at the point of a gun and robbed of 85 cents of Twenty-fifth street between Poppleton avenue and Woolworth street.

Pass Normal School Bill.

Lincoln, March 14.—(Special.)—A bill providing for the support and maintenance of the state normal schools was passed by the house Friday afternoon with the senate amendments. The senate amended the original house bill 57, so that a tax levy of 1 mill instead of .85 will be levied for the support of the normal schools.

Representative Dyball to Wed Miss Pearl Woodyard, Who Nursed Him Back to Health

Romance Begun Eight Weeks Ago in Lincoln, Culminates Here Sunday When Member of Legislature From Douglas County Will Lead to Altar Woman Who Was His Guardian Angel During Attack of Flu.



Representative Dyball. Miss Pearl Woodyard.

A romance that proves that even the flu may have its compensations, culminates Sunday in the wedding of George B. Dyball, Douglas county representative at Lincoln and Miss Pearl Woodyard, an Omaha nurse. Eight weeks ago the story had its beginning—a story in swift romance rivaling the "Once Upon a Time" tales of love at first sight and magic rescue.

Wishing to Seem Familiar With Subject of Cars, She Refers to a Beautiful Model as a "Boat."

Everybody in Omaha was at the automobile show last night. At least Maybelle said she saw everybody there. She was accompanied by her mother, and her father also attended to help his wife and Maybelle ask questions.

WARM WELCOME GIVEN PRESIDENT WILSON AT PARIS

Paris, March 14.—The supreme war council will meet tomorrow at 3 p. m. to consider the definite military and naval conditions to be imposed on Germany.

Begins Conferences at Once With Allied Statesmen With View to Winding Up War Promptly.

Paris, March 14.—President Wilson, returning to the peace conference after his trip to the United States, arrived in Paris shortly after noon today. The president's train, which had been delayed on the way from Brest, reached the Invalides station at 12:07 o'clock.

Neighbors Hears Noise.

Miss Mary O'Neil, living next door, said she heard a peculiar noise in the Glassman home about 11 o'clock but paid no particular attention to it. The bureau in two of the bedrooms were ransacked, and a blue steel revolver stolen out of one of the drawers. The window through which the assailant entered was covered with mud and footprints. The unmasked negro used a barrel to climb to the window.

Screens Over Phone.

Alfred Page, 3031 Emmet street, brother of Mrs. Glassman, sped to the Glassman home when he heard the screams of the woman over the telephone. He told police he saw two negroes running north on Twenty-eighth street on his way to the Glassman home. The Glassman children, James 15, Robert 12, Ruth 10, Bessie 6, Florence 2, and Eleanor 6 months old, were asleep in a bedroom set off from the room wherein the mother waged her terrific struggle.

Negroes Visit Home.

The telephone was lying on the floor when the son arrived home, caused by the negro's lunge at the mother.

WOMAN FIGHTS IN HOME FOR HALF HOUR

Mrs. J. H. Glassman, Sick, Struggles With Negro Intruder to Protect Her Seven Children.

Mrs. J. H. Glassman, aged 44, 2607 Bristol street, mother of seven children, was the victim of attempted assault by a negro of huge stature in her home last night. Her oldest son, Earl, found her lying on the floor at midnight in an unconscious condition, with a chloroformed handkerchief gag in her mouth.

Wages Terrific Battle.

The woman, whose youngest child is six months old, gave terrific battle to the intruder, for nearly half an hour, then fell on the floor in an unconscious condition. Torn clothing and hanks of her hair were flung about the floor amid the upturned furniture and dining room table, evidence of her fierce struggle.

"Don't Kill My Baby."

"Oh my baby, my baby, don't kill my baby. Get away from me, you brute. That's all the money I've got," she kept crying in delirium during the night. At an early hour this morning, the hysterical woman was still in a serious condition, at home under the care of a physician.

Pursued Her in House.

"Here, the woman fell into a second faint and it was several minutes before she was revived. As best she could, she continued her story. "I tried to get out of the dining room window but he jumped over the chairs and table after me. He caught me and demanded money again. I pleaded with him to let me alone. That's all the money I got. Please don't kill my babies. I tried to run, when he raised a sawed 40 calibre gun. But he tore my hair and clothes, then put a gag in my mouth that smelled of chloroform, and I knew no more."

Found By Son.

The oldest son, Earl, 18 years old, employed at the Drexel Pharmacy, found his mother lying in the doorway of the dining room at midnight. He entered the house through the back door and stumbled over the unconscious body of his mother, lying in the doorway of the dining room. Mr. Glassman was at Lincoln attending the legislative meetings. The little girls were still asleep when the oldest son entered the house.

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